

*We are called* 'to journey together and to listen to one another, so that the Spirit can suggest to us new ways and paths to bring the Gospel to the hearts of those who are distant, indifferent or without hope.' + Francis

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## GROWING SYNODALITY: A CONVERSATION

*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 6 - 8 pm, Zoom*

As the initial diocesan phase of our Synod journey has drawn to a close, and the syntheses of the voices and wisdom of the people of God are being published across the universal church, we are aware of our need to pause and reflect on our journey so far, so as to sustain and guide us for the journey ahead in which we trust synodality will continue to grow and blossom across our Church.

Following the MBIT *Mini-Series on Synodality* and the three *Synod Chats* sessions held across February and March there has been a desire to keep meeting and learn from each other. So based on your feedback that we've received, and our own reflections, we think it will be fruitful to meet again in a spirit of mutual support to help each other build on the local phase of the 2021-23 synod in our own local parish communities and to look ahead as we **grow synodality** together.

Gathering together to share our reflections and insights, our learnings and hopes, will offer us a fruitful and nourishing space of reflection and refreshment from which to nurture the seeds that have been sewn so far and to move ahead together for the next phase of our journey.

We will host a conversation this autumn on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022, from 6 - 8pm on zoom**, to which we will invite those who have been involved in the synod process at both a diocesan and local level, and also to those interested in further developing it. Our conversation will focus on four main questions:

- *What* did you do to respond to the Synod locally, and *how* did you do it?
- *What* did you hear as part of the listening?
- What are you doing because of this? (...as well as feeding into the broader process)
- What has grabbed your *attention* so far on the journey...?

After some short stories and reflections on the synod experiences from those who have been involved in developing synodal processes locally, we'll open up the conversation more widely so as to be able to share with others our own experiences and reflections. So as to help each other to continue to share openly, we are not advertising this event publicly at this stage. But please do feel free to share the invitation with people you know who are interested in growing synodality locally, either in your parish or wider community.

We hope that this conversation will offer us a continued positive experience of being a synodal Church, provide a space for sharing local, diocesan and national good practice, test out the potential for a support network of synod ambassadors, and sustain us for the journey ahead.

The link to register is below:

[Growing Synodality: A conversation Tickets, Tue 27 Sep 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

With our thanks for your interest and participation in advance and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022** to start our ***Growing Synodality*** journey together at 6.00 pm,

*Jenny, Liam and Chris*

**Synod Chats 2022 Team**

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